--- "Series of 1881" - TABAC CANADIEN / EN TORQUETTE - Division Open ---

--- 1/2 pound - lithographed in green ink - 238 x 20 mm - scanned at 67% scale ---

--- inscribed NE DOIT PAS COUVRIR PLUS / **de 1/2 lb.**..... **Percepteur ---**

The catalogue lists the 1/2 pound, green, Division Open, TABAC CANADIEN strip as follows:

RT-5a - 1/2 pound, Open, green, perforated 12, on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove, with 4 mm. blue controls

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The following imperforate strip is a remnant, probably from the second TOBACCO section of the **4th BABN Contract**. It has been scissor-clipped from an unfinished imperforate sheet. Since it was not a production item, I feel that it is preferable to simply list it without a separate catalogue number.

1/2 pound, green, *imperforate*, TABAC CANADIEN, Division Open, without control numbering,
Lithographed on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove paper

The collection ***does not contain*** a copy of the perforated 1/2 pound Division "Open" strip on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove paper, with *faint 5 mm. blue control* numbers. Strips such as this were probably prepared for a Philatelic Exhibition in the early 1880's.

--- RT-5a - 1/2 pound - perforated 12 - on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls ---

RT-5a - 1/2 pound, green, perforated 12, TABAC CANADIEN, Division Open, control **005879**,
Lithographed on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove paper,
Stamped **Ottawa** / *Martin Battle*, and **DUTY PAID** in violet ink, S. M. No. *4*, probably in August 1880

005874	08/80	RT-5a	1/2 pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh, Stamped **Ottawa** / *Martin Battle* in purple, for S.M. No. *4*
005875	08/80	RT-5a	1/2 pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh, Stamped **Ottawa** / *Martin Battle*, in purple, for S.M. No. *4*
005877	08/80	RT-5a	1/2 pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh, Stamped **Ottawa** / *Martin Battle*, in purple, for S.M. No. *4*
005879★	08/80	RT-5a	1/2 pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh, Stamped **Ottawa** / *Martin Battle*, in purple, for S.M. No. *4*
014024	08/80	RT-5a	1/2 pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh, Stamped **Ottawa** / *Martin Battle*, in purple, for S.M. No. *4*

All of these **Ottawa** / *Martin Battle* strips are also stamped **DUTY PAID** - which I have ignored.

015001★	RT-5a	1/2 pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh
015005★	RT-5a	1/2 pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh
015011	RT-5a	1/2 pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh
015016	RT-5a	1/2 pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh
015021	RT-5a	1/2 pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh
015055	RT-5a	1/2 pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh
200007	RT-5a	1/2 pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh
200008	RT-5a	1/2 pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh
200020	RT-5a	1/2 pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh
200026	RT-5a	1/2 pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh
200507	RT-5a	1/2 pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh
200511	RT-5a	1/2 pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh
200572	RT-5a	1/2 pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh
200582	RT-5a	1/2 pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh
206997	RT-5a	1/2 pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh

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John McKay records about 670,000 copies of the “1/2 lb. French, Twist” were lithographed. Most of these have not surfaced to date. Is it possible that BABN was running two separate control number sequences for the 1881 **RT-5a** and the later **A53** numbered **RT-73**?

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